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WELCOME FROM THE LONG RECESS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW MULTI-MEDIA CONGRESS SYSTEM

Hon. Members, good afternoon. I have the following communication to convey:

Honourable Members,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you back to this Assembly following the long recess. I trust that the past few weeks afforded each of you a valuable opportunity to rest, to reconnect with your families, and to engage meaningfully with the constituents whose interests we are all here to serve. The recess period, as provided for in our Assembly Calendar, is not merely a pause in our legislative calendar, it is a critical interval for reflection, for grassroots engagement, and for the renewal of the mandate that the people of Nairobi have entrusted to us.

Honourable Members,

As we resume our sittings today, we do so at a moment of considerable significance in the life of this Third Assembly. We are not merely returning to business as usual. We are returning to a Chamber that has been fundamentally

transformed by the installation of a state-of-the-art Multi-Media Congress System. This system, which I have the honour of unveiling to you, represents a substantial investment in the efficiency, transparency, and dignity of this Assembly's proceedings. My independent assessment reveal that this system is so advanced and flexible that, the National Parliament may have several aspects to borrow from some of its modules. It is therefore my privilege to formally introduce it to you, and to acknowledge the many hands and minds that have made it possible.

Honourable Members,

The journey to this moment has been one of deliberate planning and collective effort. The Multi-Media Congress System is not just an upgrade of equipment, it is the representation of the new way of how this Assembly conducts its business. The system encompasses a comprehensive set of digital tools designed to enhance every facet of our Plenary work. Each Member's delegate unit is now equipped with an individual LCD control unit which is integrated with a studio quality microphone, allowing for seamless participation in debates. The audio-visual infrastructure has been overhauled to ensure that every contribution is captured with clarity, that electronic voting can be conducted with precision, and that the proceedings of this Assembly can be transmitted to the public with the quality that the people of Nairobi deserve.

Honourable Members,

Allow me to further elaborate on the specific features of this system, for it is important that you fully appreciate the tools now at your disposal. The Multi-Media Congress System includes an integrated electronic voting mechanism

that will drastically reduce the time traditionally spent on divisions. It includes a member management module that tracks attendance, speaking time, and voting records with accuracy and accountability. The system also features advanced audio routing and public address capabilities, ensuring that every word spoken in this Chamber is heard by everyone present physical and broadcast channels. Finally, the system, on its interface, encompasses dedicated fields that directly tap into a repository of documents relevant to any particular Sitting.

Honourable Members,

As you continue to observe the system, you will agree that the clarity and quality of the camera system have been enhanced, as evidenced by the videos displayed on the LCD screens. This stands in contrast to the blurred images associated with the retired system. Of particular note is the system's contribution to the transparency and accessibility of our work. In line with our longstanding commitment to open government and civic engagement, the Multi-Media Congress System is designed to interface seamlessly with our e-Assembly framework. This alignment reflects the vision that emerging information and knowledge economies demand that legislatures embrace technology to promote openness, transparency, and stronger democratic participation. The system will facilitate the archiving of proceedings in searchable digital formats, making it easier for citizens, researchers, and oversight bodies to access the record of our deliberations with precision.

Honourable Members,

The successful procurement and installation of this system was not an accident. It was the product of diligent work by numerous individuals and institutions

whose contributions I must now acknowledge with the deepest gratitude. First and foremost, I wish to recognize the County Assembly Service Board and the Assembly leadership. The Service Board provided the policy direction and oversight that guided this project from conception to completion. The system is in place because of the desire and push by the leadership to leave a profound legacy for the coming Assemblies and a template for other legislatures.

I further extend my profound appreciation to the Office of the Clerk. The Clerk and his dedicated team of officers from various departments worked tirelessly to coordinate the logistical, technical, and administrative aspects of the installation. They liaised with vendors, scheduled the works to minimize disruption to Assembly business, and ensured that all contractual obligations were meticulously fulfilled.

Honourable Members,

Furthermore, may I thank the external technical experts who provided specialized knowledge during the planning, configuration, installation and training phases. Their expertise in parliamentary technology systems ensured that the solution delivered is not only fit for our present needs but scalable and adaptable to accommodate the evolving demands of a modern legislature.

Honourable Members,

As we settle into our work for this part of the Assembly Calendar, we continue to bear substantive responsibilities that lie before us. The challenges facing our County have not diminished. Access to healthcare, the state of our roads and public lighting, the enforcement of regulations in our built environment, the

prospect of adverse effects of the forecasted El Niño and the expansion of our own-source revenue are among the pressing matters that demand our attention. The reports of our Committees, the Bills awaiting consideration, and the Petitions from our constituents all call for our urgent and focused engagement.

Honourable Members,

I am aware that there are legislative proposals at various stages of processing, and I call upon the Clerk and Committee Chairpersons to expedite the consideration of pending business. The people of Nairobi expect us to legislate effectively, to oversee the Executive with rigour and to represent their interests with fidelity.

Candle lighting ceremony in remembrance of the late Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga

Honourable Members,

May I bring to your attention that on **Friday, 2nd October 2026**, as the sun sets and we mark the passage of time since we lost a towering statesman, we will gather at **Uhuru Park** for a candle-lighting ceremony in remembrance of the **Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga**. The vigil will commence at **7:00 PM**.

This vigil offers us a moment of reflection for a man who shaped the destiny of this nation for over half a century. It is an opportunity for us, as leaders elected to serve at the grassroots, to stand in solidarity with the millions of Kenyans whose lives he touched. I therefore invite each and every Honourable Member to attend. Let us light a candle not only to mourn his

passing, but to celebrate the enduring light of his vision for a united, equitable, and prosperous Kenya.

Honourable Members,

As I conclude, I once again welcome you back from the long recess. I invite you to familiarize yourselves with the Multi-Media Congress System. A dedicated team of technical officers shall be at hand throughout this sitting in order to accord necessary assistance while the proceedings are underway.

I thank you Honourable Members.



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